

Weird Tales



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- THE BLACK ISLAND** August Derleth 8
*... which rose to the surface only at intervals, was unnamed,
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*... if it got food enough in the swamp it could
 grow as big as the Masonic Temple.*
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 they'd find me and call it "murder."*
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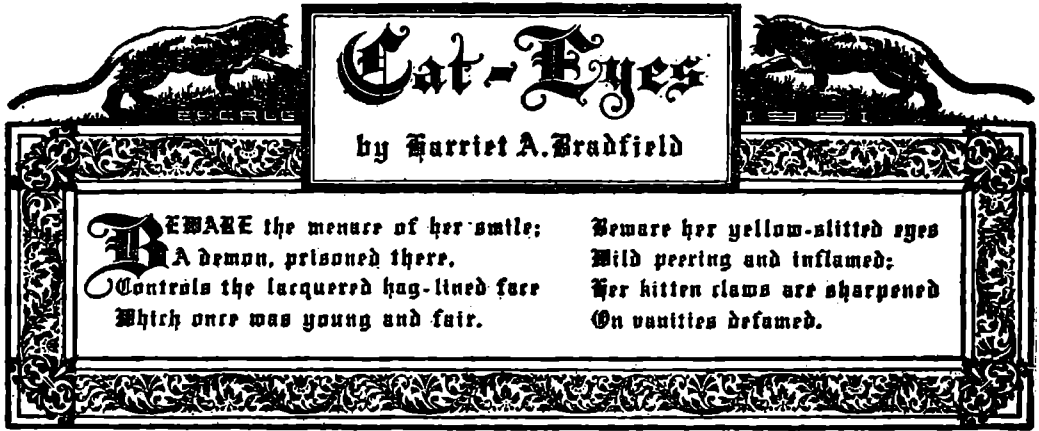
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Cat-Eyes

by Harriet A. Bradfield

BEWARE the menace of her smile;
A demon, prisoned there,
Controls the lacquered hag-lined face
Which once was young and fair.

Beware her yellow-slitted eyes
Wild peering and inflamed;
Her kitten claws are sharpened
On vanities defamed.